

needed, it is your duty to write and let the brotherhood know the needs." We will discharge part of that duty right now. Your *Board needs money*. Money with which to meet the daily demands of living for our missionaries, and also the obligations incurred in the purchase of property here. Some of our brethren must be reimbursed for the short time loans they kindly made us, to enable us to secure our property. Now a word about our property.

As I stated to Conference last fall that there would be a raise in the price of property this year. Well that raise has come. Rents have gone up, twenty to thirty per cent this spring, and real estate is advancing in price every day. We bought just in time. Were we to buy now, we would have to pay fully a thousand dollars more. And had we yet to pay rent at present rates, I fear we would be scared out entirely. We did right in making the purchase. Now let us be faithful in completing and supporting the work. And this will we do. I have never at any time doubted the liberality of the brethren, nor that they would support the work where unto they have called us. It only devolves on our ministry to keep the great work to which the Lord has commissioned us before the people.

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Among the Churches

Communion Notice

There will be communion services in the Homer congregation on the evening of May 24. The usual invitation is extended.

H. S. JACOBS.

Bethel, Kans.

We expect to close a week's meeting at Bethel, (Mulvane, Kans.) with a love feast on Saturday evening, May 3. An invitation is hereby extended to all.

L. G. WOOD.

Akron, Ind.

Thinking a few lines from me might be of interest to some of the EVANGELIST readers I will endeavor to pen a few. The work at Oakville is moving along nicely, no great stir, but we are holding our own. We expect Brother Menaugh to hold us a week's meeting commencing May 20, and we will hold our spring communion on Monday evening, the 26th. An invitation is extended to those who may be able to attend.

At Tiosa the faithful few are at their post of duty and while we are laboring here under adverse circumstances one of which is preaching only once a month, yet we are doing all we can and hope for better days.

Here at Akron we are moving along nicely, only they do not get the work they should have. Last Sunday was a busy day for me. I drove to Chapel three miles in the country, taught a Sunday school class and preached; drove back home for dinner and taught a Sunday school class in the afternoon; then drove four miles to the lake and baptized six who came out last winter; preached in town at night.

We are needing a new house here in town and are raising subscriptions to buy a lot. Last night

we held our spring communion at Chapel, had a good attendance and all seemed to enjoy the meeting. May the guidance of the Holy Spirit keep us in the right and use us to glorify God, is my prayer.

JOHN M. FOX.

Communion Notice

Nothing preventing there will be communion services held in the church at Flora, Ind., on Monday evening, May 5. All of like precious faith are heartily invited to attend these services. Brother B. H. Flora, make a note of this and come and visit the old home town and your many friends. Brother Menaugh, make it a point to stop here on your return from Mt. Pleasant. Brethren at Mt. Pleasant, Salem, Darwin and Twelve Mile congregations, come.

J. H. SWIHART.

Johnstown, Pa.

"Gospel meetings will be held in the Brethren church on Bond and Grove streets of Johnstown, commencing on the evening of March 17, conducted by Rev. I. D. Bowman of Philadelphia, Pa., to continue for three weeks." This was the announcement from pulpit, press and pastors prior to these gracious meetings.

Brother Bowman arrived on March 17, in splendid trim, both of body and spirit, and was eager for the preaching of the gospel. Services were well attended from the beginning and a deep interest prevailed at every service. The preaching of Brother Bowman was very good indeed,—clear, strong, convincing, spiritual, sweet and clean.

The immediate visible results, fourteen confessions, all of whom united with our church, and the membership awakened up and I believe greatly helped. Two more have requested Brother Haskins for baptism this week. They had not at that time fully decided where to make their church home.

About two years ago our Brethren bought this building from the M. E. church, and during this winter they papered and varnished the church on the inside so that it is a pleasant and cheerful place to worship God. On the last Sunday, April 6, this church was rededicated and nearly three hundred dollars raised, leaving only about two hundred dollars of a debt. On the dedicatory day Brother Bowman preached as good and spiritual a sermon as I ever heard on the "Spiritual house of God."

A few weeks ago the Brethren bought from the Presbyterians their house of worship in Morrellville now 20th ward of Johnstown. It seems to me this is a great God-send and opening for our people, and surely great blessings and good will come from this field if the Brethren espouse the openings God has made.

Here in Johnstown, first church, work is moving along splendidly. Preaching services, Sunday school and prayer meetings are well attended, active part is taken by many and interesting part by many more.

A word of explanation why this letter is so late coming. Last week the Brethren decided I should write a short report and then it took me a week to get at it, and now if the editor is annoyed and the brethren given a shame face, what then?

In the bonds of love and blessedness.

W. A. ADAMS.

Conemaugh, Pa.

It is with very much sadness that I write on this occasion. For some time our pastor, Rev. J. F. Koontz has had sickness in his family. Sister Koontz was taken ill first, and during her illness, two of the children were taken with that dreadful and contagious disease, scarlet fever. Of course a great deal of Brother Koontz's time was taken up

in nursing and caring for them. When the two children had about recovered, the baby, Alice Vernetta was taken with the same disease, but was not considered dangerous and was able to be about in a short time; but in some way she took a relapse and was stricken with pneumonia of the lungs, with which she suffered for a short time. Tho all the skill of several of the city's best physicians was administered it did not avail, for God in his all wise providence saw fit to call dear little Alice home to glory at 6 P. M. Friday, April 18, 1902, at the age of 5 years, 7 months and 22 days. She was not with us many years but the short time she lived she made a good impression on, not only a host of children, but was a favorite of the old as well for she was loved by all who knew her.

Altho we will miss her, we know that our loss is her gain. She was a member of the Sabbath school and she will be missed there by all who attended, but more especially by her class and teacher. And most of all she was bright and cheerful, and she will be greatly missed by Brother Koontz's family; but, while they will miss her, we pray God that they may say like Job of old, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away: Blessed be the name of the Lord." The friends that little Alice formed in the few short years she was here was partly manifested by the numerous floral offerings which filled and surrounded her casket. While we will miss her, we do not for a moment wish her back, but may we all live so that we may die in the arms of the blessed Savior that we can go to live with her and all of God's children thruout eternity.

Brother Koontz has been called to serve us for another year. May we all endeavor to hold up his hands as he continues to proclaim the whole Gospel of Christ.

As time and space is limited, we will close, again asking you to remember, not only Brother Koontz's family, in your prayers, but the writer as well. I am as ever,

H. E. O'NEILL.

Philadelphia, Pa.

We are now at home hard at work in our mission. We find plenty of work here. We have a baby organ and go to two houses an evening and sing and pray with the people when we have no services in the Mission.

Last week we went into a home where the people had better days, but are being dragged down by strong drink. Both wife and husband drink. The wife's mother was a good Methodist. She is a good singer. She was once a member of a Methodist choir. The husband has a brother who is an excellent Methodist minister; also an uncle, a preacher. Their house is yet well furnished because a nephew, a bar tender, boards with them and furnishes the drink to husband and wife free. Hence both are becoming drunkards thru the so-called kindness of the nephew. They are rapidly on the downward march. We are taking special interest in them, and they seem to appreciate it very much. We have gotten her little boy into the Sunday school and also persuaded her to attend the Mission. We ask prayers for this family. It is such a great pity that such noble and cultured people should be thus ruined by the demon of strong drink. Tonight we will have a prayer meeting just across the street from where she lives, and we hope to get her to attend.

We are praying for open doors where we can do special kindness and capture them for Christ. We will have prayer meeting next door to a family that has not attended church for many years. We expect them to attend. They have promised to do so. If they do not there is only the partition between us and them and they will hear the songs, prayers and testimonies if they do not come. We also had prayer meetings at two homes last week where they seldom ever attend religious services. One of the families is a poor widow with four little ones to provide for. She pays \$10 a month rent